Statement

Cases registered under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 till 31-12-87.

	Name of the State Governments	No. of cases registered	
1.	Maharashtra	293	
2.	Orissa	8587	
3.	Rajasthan	84	(persons arrested)
4.	Haryana	3	
5.	Karnataka	40	
6.	Bihar	264	
7.	Kerala	Nil	
8.	Himachal Pradesh	79	
9.	Andhra Pradesh	144	(persons arrested)
10.	Tamil Nadu	1	
11.	Madhya Pradesh	2056	
12.	Uttar Pradesh	2305	
13.	Gujarat	Nil	

NOTE : Incidence of bondage has not been reported from other States/UTs.

Excessive cost of fruits on Vijaywada Railways Station

550. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fruits are very costly on Vijaywada Railway Station; if so, what steps have been taken to reduce the cost; and

(b) whether there is any periodic checks to monitor the prices, so that their prices may not be much higher than market prices; if so, with what effect?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The sale prices are revised in keeping with the prevailing market rates.

Deficit in production of Fertilizers

551. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated deficit in the production of fertilizers in the country at the end of the Seventh Plan period as against the production target and fertilizer demands;

(b) the fertilizer projects which have been suffering from continued slippage